

# **Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago**

*100 East Erie Street  
Chicago, IL 60611*



## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 21, 2008**

**10:00 AM**

**Board Room**

### **Board of Commissioners**

*President Terrence J. O'Brien  
Vice-President Kathleen Therese Meany  
Chairman of Finance Gloria Alitto Majewski  
Commissioner Frank Avila  
Commissioner Patricia Horton  
Commissioner Barbara J. McGowan  
Commissioner Cynthia M. Santos  
Commissioner Debra Shore  
Commissioner Patricia Young*

**Call to Order**

President O' Brien presiding, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien; Kathleen Therese Meany; Gloria Alitto Majewski; Frank Avila; Patricia Horton; Barbara J. McGowan; Cynthia M. Santos; Debra Shore; and Patricia Young

**Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Debra Shore, that the minutes from the last meeting be approved without having to read them into the record. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

**Recess and Reconvene as Board of Commissioners**

At 12:25 pm President O'Brien reconvened the regular board meeting to order

**Finance Committee****Report**

- 1     [08-1028](#)     Report on investments purchased during January 2008  
  
         **Published and Filed**
- 2     [08-1029](#)     The Committee on Finance reports on the Government Finance Officer's Association Award to the District for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2006  
  
         **Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 3     [08-1030](#)     Authority to add Project 07-364-2M, Primary Odor Control Equipment Installation at O'Hare TARP DS-5 to the Engineering Department Capital Improvements Program and to the Construction Fund, estimated cost of the project is \$1,000,000.00  
  
         **Approved**
- 4     [08-1031](#)     Cash Disbursements (Voucher Listings) for the Month of January 2008, in the amount of \$42,527,712.20  
  
         **Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:**

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

**Purchasing Committee****Report**

- 5      [08-1032](#)      Report of Bid Opening of Tuesday, February 5, 2008

**Published and Filed**

- 6      [08-1058](#)      Report on rejection of the Sole Bid for Contract 08-901-11, Furnish and Deliver Oil Filtration Equipment to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, Estimated Cost: \$22,500.00

**Published and Filed**

**Authorization**

- 7      [08-1059](#)      Authorization to correct funding in the Board Transmittal letter for Authority to Award Contract 04-824-2P (re-advertisement) to IHC Construction Companies for Tertiary Filter Rehabilitation, Pump VFDs & Other Plant Improvements at Egan, Hanover Park and Kirie WRPs, Schaumburg, Hanover Park, Des Plaines, Cook County, IL, in an amount not to exceed \$16,074,400.00, Account 201-50000-645650 and 645750, (Req. 1206065)

**Approved**

**Authority to Advertise**

- 8      [08-1033](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 08-629-11, Furnishing, Delivering and Rental of Arc Flash Personal Protective Equipment, estimated cost is \$255,320.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-612330/623780 (Reqs. 1237017, 1230817 and 1235334)

**Approved**

- 9      [08-1034](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 08-660-11, Furnish and Deliver One Wood Chipper to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost is \$45,000.00, Account 101-55000-623990 (Req. 1236532)

**Approved**

- 10      [08-1035](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 08-697-11, Furnish and Deliver Forklifts to the Calumet and North Side Service Areas, estimated cost is \$63,000.00, Account 101-67000/68000-634650/634760 (Reqs. 1235948 and 1229363)  
**Approved**
- 11      [08-1036](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 08-698-11, Furnish and Deliver Machine Tools to Various Locations, estimated cost is \$127,500.00, Accounts 101-67000/68000/69000-634650/634600 (Reqs. 1234696, 1229454, 1229453 and 1228459)  
**Approved**
- 12      [08-1037](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 08-990-11, Furnishing and Delivering Two (2) Electric Motors to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost is \$51,000.00, Account 101-69000-634650 (Req. 1235324)  
**Approved**
- 13      [08-1038](#)      Authority to advertise Contract 08-997-11 to Furnish and Deliver One Dry Ice Blasting Machine and Attachments to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, estimated cost is \$26,000.00, Account 101 69000-634990 (Req. 1235942)  
**Approved**

**Issue Purchase Order**

- 14      [08-1039](#)      Issue purchase orders for Contract 08-895-11, to Patson, Inc., d/b/a Transchicago Truck Group, and/or Northwest Ford & Sterling Truck Center, for Group A, in an amount not to exceed \$149,857.00, and to Country Supply, Inc., for Group B, in an amount not to exceed \$34,500.00, to Furnish and Deliver One All-Wheel Drive Dump Truck and One Semi-Dump Trailer to the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant, in a total amount not to exceed \$184,357.00, Account 101-68000-634860, Requisition 1223246  
**Approved**
- 15      [08-1040](#)      Issue a purchase order to Appropriate Technical Resources, Inc., to furnish and deliver a Multitron II shaking incubator in an amount not to exceed \$29,987.00, Account 101-16000-634970, (Requisition 1230356)  
**Approved**
- 16      [08-1041](#)      Issue a purchase order to Doonan Environmental, LLC, to furnish and deliver Calgon carbon replacement canisters to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$10,100.00, Account 101-69000-623270 (Req. 1225610)  
**Approved**

- 17      [08-1042](#)      Issue a purchase order to Hach Company, to furnish and deliver parts for UV disinfection test equipment at the Hanover Park Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount not to exceed \$16,851.00, Account 101-67000-623070, Requisition 1232455

**Approved**

- 18      [08-1043](#)      Issue purchase orders for Contract 08-678-11 to Fullmer Locksmith Service, Inc., for Groups A and B, for Locksmith Services at Various Service Areas, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, Account 101-68000, 69000-612680, Requisitions 1225590 and 1228453

**Approved**

- 19      [08-1044](#)      Issue a purchase order and enter into an agreement with Black & Veatch Corporation for consulting services to certify the performance of the MBM biosolids processing facility at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in the amount of \$334,000.00, Account 101-69000-612590, (Req. 1237497)

**Deferred by Patricia Young**

**Award Contract**

- 20      [08-1045](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-003-12, Group A, to Indelco Plastics Corporation, to furnish and deliver laboratory tubing and gloves, to various locations for a one (1) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$20,097.00, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

- 21      [08-1046](#)      Authority to award contract 08-027-12, Groups A and B, to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, to furnish and deliver glass and plastic labware to various locations for a one (1) period, in an amount not to exceed \$56,198.90, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

- 22      [08-1047](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-028-12, Group B, to Fisher Scientific Company, LLC, to furnish and deliver miscellaneous laboratory supplies to various locations for a one (1) year period, in an amount not to exceed \$11,035.62, Account 101-20000-623570

**Approved**

- 23      [08-1048](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-611-11 to Anchor Mechanical, Inc., for Repairs and Alterations to Various Water Reclamation Facilities at the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant and Other Installations, in an amount not to exceed \$10,950,000.00, Account 101-67000, 68000, 69000-612650, 612600 Requisitions 1224436, 1223961, and 1221853

**Deferred by Cynthia M. Santos**

- 24      [08-1049](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-815-11 to International Piping Systems, Inc., for Services for H.V.A.C. Controls in the Calumet Service Area, in an amount not to exceed \$90,000.00, Account 101-68000-612680, Requisition 1227305

**Approved**

- 25      [08-1050](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-819-11, to Independent Mechanical Industries, Inc., for Services to Replace Air Handling Units at SEPA Stations No. 2 and No. 5, in an amount not to exceed \$58,650.00, Account 101-68000-612680, Requisition 1229255

**Deferred by Debra Shore**

- 26      [08-1051](#)      Authority to award Contract 08-952-11 to M.A.T. Leasing, Inc., for Services of Heavy Equipment with Operators for Material Handling at the Lawndale Avenue Solids Management Area, in an amount not to exceed \$425,000.00, Account 101-66000-612520, Requisition 1225141

**Approved**

**Increase Purchase Order/Change Order**

- 27      [08-1052](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 06-656-11, Services to Inspect and Maintain TARP Electrical Control Chambers and Tide Gate Monitoring Systems at Various Locations, Divane Bros. Electric Company, in the amount of \$63,236.68, from \$626,482.31 to an amount not to exceed \$563,245.63, Accounts 101-69000, 68000, 67000-612600 (P.O.s 5000574, 5000575, and 5000576)

**Approved**

- 28      [08-1053](#)      Authority to decrease Contract 07-121-11, for furnishing and delivering chemical analyses of biosolids, soil and water samples for the Research and Development Department, to First Technology, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$13,784.00, from an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to an amount not to exceed \$16,216.00, Account 101-16000-612490, Purchase Order 3041616

**Approved**

- 29      [08-1054](#)      Authority for Change Orders on Contract 93-232-2M, Hydraulic Improvements at the Calumet Water Reclamation Plant with IHC Construction/FHP Techtonics, JV (IHC/FHP), for an extra in the amount of \$7,756.20 and a credit in the amount of \$25,330.80 for a net credit in the amount of \$17,573.60, resulting in a decrease to the contract value from \$120,935.775.72 to \$120,918,202.12, Account 401-50000-645650 and 645750, Purchase Order 5000623

**Approved**

- 30      [08-1055](#)      Authority to decrease Purchase Order 3021085 to Avaya, Inc., for Scheduled and Non-Scheduled Maintenance, Programming Assistance, and System Upgrades and Enhancements, in the amount of \$82,981.64 from an amount not to exceed \$1,374,000.00, to an amount not to exceed \$1,291,018.36, Account 101-27000-612840  
**Approved**
- 31      [08-1056](#)      Authority to decrease purchase order to American Process Equipment Company, for providing DiscFlo pump parts to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in the amount of \$10,788.72, from an amount not to exceed \$54,926.00, to an amount not to exceed \$44,137.28, Account 101-69000-623270 (P.O. 3036692)  
**Approved**
- 32      [08-1057](#)      Authority to increase Purchase Order 3047676 and Amend the Agreement with Daystar Computer Systems, Inc., to furnish, deliver, blueprint, install, and maintain, an Active Voting System, in an amount not to exceed \$40,900.00, from an amount not to exceed \$108,020.00 to an amount not to exceed \$148,920.00 Account 101-40000-601170  
**Approved**
- 33      [08-1060](#)      Authorization to increase cost estimate for Contract 08-901-12, Furnish and Deliver Oil Filtration Equipment to the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant, in an amount of \$4,100.00, from \$22,500.00 to \$26,600.00, Account 101-69000-623860 (Req. 1230313)  
**Approved**
- 34      [08-1061](#)      Authorization to increase the competitive bidding threshold from \$10,000.00 to \$40,000.00, for furnish and deliver contracts only, in accordance with the State of Illinois Compiled Statute; Chapter 70 Special District; Purchasing Act 2605/11.3, 11.6, 11.7, 11.10 and 11.13 (*Deferred at the January 17, 2008 and the February 7, 2008 Board Meetings*)  
(Refer to Miscellaneous and New Business item 48)  
**Approved**

**Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section with the exceptions of items: 19, 23 and 25**

**A motion was made by Barbara J. McGowan, seconded by Debra Shore, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

## Budget & Employment

### Report

- 35     [08-1062](#)     Report on Government Finance Officer's Association Distinguished Budget Award for the 2007 Budget
- A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

## Engineering Committee

### Report

- 36     [08-1063](#)     Report to the Board of Commissioners on the qualifications-based process for the selection of Consulting Engineering and Architectural Firms (*Deferred at the February 7, 2008 Board Meeting*)
- A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Cynthia M. Santos, that this Report be Deferred. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:**    9 -    Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

## Judiciary Committee

### Authorization

- 37     [08-1064](#)     Approval of Agreed Order of Settlement entered on January 18, 2008 in Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. Steve Foley Cadillac, Inc., et al., Violation Complaint No. 20060012
- Approved**
- 38     [08-1065](#)     Payment of the Award in the Workers' Compensation Claim of Caster Williams v. MWRDGC, 05 WC 55541, Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission, in the amount of \$50,299.49. Account 901-30000-601090
- Approved**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

- A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:**    9 -    Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young



## Maintenance & Operations Committee

### Reports

- 39     [08-1066](#)     Report on change orders authorized and approved by the Chief of Maintenance and Operations during the months of December 2007 and January 2008  
**Published and Filed**
- 40     [08-1067](#)     Report on formation of a coalition, REACT, to represent electrical users interests before the Illinois Commerce Commission in ComEd delivery rate proceeding, ICC Docket No. 07-0566.  
**Published and Filed**

### Authorization

- 41     [08-1068](#)     Authority to Declare an Emergency to Furnish, Deliver and Install a 7 MVA Transformer at the Calumet TARP Pumping Station, Contract 08-800-01, Divane Bros. Electric Co., estimated cost is not to exceed \$500,000.00, Account 901-90168-667220 (Req. 1236575)  
**Approved**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

**A motion was made by Frank Avila, seconded by Patricia Horton, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

## Pension, Personnel Relations & Civil Service Committee

### Report

- 42     [08-1069](#)     2007 Annual Report for the Deferred Compensation Plan and Trust  
**Published and Filed**
- 43     [08-1070](#)     Report on Government Finance Officers Association Award to the MWRD Retirement Fund for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Fiscal Year 2006  
**Published and Filed**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

**A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

## Public Information & Education

### Report

- 44      [08-1071](#)      Report on District participation in 2008 parades

**A motion was made by Kathleen Therese Meany, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Report be Published and Filed. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

## Real Estate Development Committee

### Authorization

- 45      [08-1072](#)      Authority to advertise for public tender of bids a 39-year lease of approximately 25.50 acres of District real estate located at 10100 Archer Avenue in Willow Springs, Illinois, and known as Main Channel Atlas Parcel 28.01. The minimum initial rental bid shall be established at \$327,500.00. Lease Number 08-360-11

**Approved**

- 46      [08-1073](#)      Amend Board Order of September 6, 2007, authorizing the execution of an agreement with Shelbourne Development, Ltd. for abandonment of the District's underground facilities and the installation of a District telecommunications repeater station at the Chicago Spire site located south of East Illinois Street and west of Lake Shore Drive in Chicago to reflect authority to enter into the Relocation Agreement with the Developer, Chicago Spire, LLC, and authority to enter into the Telemetry Easement Agreement, the Notice of Intent to Grant Easement, and other necessary documents with the owner of the land, Shelbourne North Water Street, L.P., and signed by its General Partner, Shelbourne North Water Management, LLC, and its Manager, Shelbourne Development Chicago, Inc.

**Approved**

### Approval of the Consent Agenda for this section:

**A motion was made by Cynthia M. Santos, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**

**Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

## Stormwater Management

### Authorization

- 47      [08-1074](#)      Authority to Enter into an Agreement with Municipalities to Purchase Rain Barrels from the District for Distribution to the Public
- A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Agenda Item be Approved. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

## Miscellaneous and New Business

### Motion

- 48      [08-1079](#)      MOTION to Amend Purchasing Item 7c
- A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Gloria Alitto Majewski, that this Motion be Adopted. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:**
- Aye:** 9 - Terrence J. O'Brien, Kathleen Therese Meany, Gloria Alitto Majewski, Frank Avila, Patricia Horton, Barbara J. McGowan, Cynthia M. Santos, Debra Shore, Patricia Young

### Memorial Resolution

- 49      [08-1076](#)      MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Emma K. Wideman
- A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Patricia Horton, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**
- 50      [08-1077](#)      MEMORIAL RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners extending sympathy and condolences to the family of Roberta Calyen
- A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Memorial Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

### Resolution

- 51      [08-1075](#)      RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners congratulating Lee Botts on her eightieth birthday
- A motion was made by Patricia Young, seconded by Debra Shore, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

- 52      [08-1078](#)      RESOLUTION sponsored by the Board of Commissioners recognizing the month of February 2008, as National African American History Month
- A motion was made by Patricia Horton, seconded by Barbara J. McGowan, that this Resolution be Adopted. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays**

## Meeting Summary

### Speakers

*None*

### Summary of Requests

*Patricia Young requested a written report explaining the need for services (Re: Purchasing Item: 19)*

*Cynthia M. Santos requested a report on the use of union labor (Re: Purchasing item: 23)*

*Cynthia M. Santos and Patricia Young requested all MPLA agreements be signed with unions before contracts are approved (Re: Purchasing Item: 23)*

*Patricia Young requested a scenario be written describing the qualification process from start to finish and also have the law department review related statutes (Re: Engineering Item: 36)*

*Barbara J. McGowan requested that the Danny Davis back to school parade be added to the list of the District's Participation in 2008 Parades (Re: Public Information & Education Item: 44)*

*Patricia Young requested that the General Superintendent consider including children under the age of twelve on the District's floats as long as they are accompanied by an adult (Re: Public Information & Education Item: 44)*

*Patricia Young requested a status report on how many Rain Barrels have been purchased to date and the balance remaining (Re: Stormwater Management Item: 47)*

*Debra Shore requested that the Watershed Councils be included in notification of rain barrel program (Re: Stormwater Management Item: 47)*

*President O'Brien requested the limit of two Rain Barrels per customer be reconsidered. The General Superintendent suggested the limit be two per year (Re: Miscellaneous & New Business)*

*Patricia Young requested Mr. Lowe provide copies of e-mails and letters to the Board regarding North Point Project in Palos Heights (Re: Miscellaneous & New Business)*

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Gloria Alitto Majewski , seconded by, Patricia Horton that when the Board adjourns it adjourns to meet on Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. and that today's meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by acclamation. Chorus of ayes - No nays

/s/ Jacqueline Torres  
Clerk

**APPROVAL:**

In accordance with the provisions of 70ILCS 2605/4, each of the foregoing agenda items duly adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago this February 21, 2008, are hereby approved.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Terrence J. O'Brien  
President Board of Commissioners of the  
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

February 21, 2008